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THE RUGBY SCHOOL MEMORIAL TO THOMAS HUGHES

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 1897.

THE undersigned desire to call the attention of their fellow countrymen to the memorial which is proposed in honor of the late Judge Thomas Hughes, author of *School Days at Rugby*, and *Tom Brown at Oxford*.

The plan of the English committee, of which the present First Lord of the Admiralty, the Right Honorable George J. Goschen, is the chairman, includes a statue of Mr. Hughes and also some endowment of the Rugby School Missions in London and Birmingham. Sufficient money for the statue has already been subscribed in England, and the English committee earnestly desire that such of their American "kin beyond the sea" as may wish should share in contributing to the proposed memorial.

Mr. Hughes has left a permanent mark upon our literature in his two books which have become classic as faithful portrayals of English school and college life. In their healthful spirit and moral tone they are ideal types of what such books should be. In his life as well as in his books Mr. Hughes was the embodiment of muscular Christianity, in contrast with the ascetic view of religion. In common with Maurice and Kingsley he showed that sympathy of educated men for the working people of England which now finds its illustration in the college and university settlements of the great cities of England and America. It seems therefore eminently fitting that contributions to the memory of Mr. Hughes should go towards permanently establishing the mission of the school which was so dear to him.

These school missions represent the spirit of *noblesse oblige* on the part of schoolboys, just as the college settlements indicate the desire of educated men to know and help their less fortunate brethren. The present material equipment of the London Rugby School Mission is quite inferior to that of the Harrow Mission in the west of London, or the Eton Mission in Hackney, and the proposed gift will enable it to enlarge and strengthen its work for the social and religious uplifting of the working people.

The undersigned fully realize the many calls that are made upon the generosity of their fellow citizens and in this appeal disclaim all thought of importunity. They simply wish to call the attention of those interested, and especially of the heads of colleges and schools, to this opportunity of giving. All contributions however small will be cordially appreciated by the English committee. The gifts of college students and schoolboys will be especially welcome, and it is hoped that the heads of such institutions will take measures to enable their students to make a common offering in the name of the institution.

The act more than the amount of the contribution will be significant as indicating on our part a feeling of amity towards the people of England, while it will also be a graceful tribute to the memory of a noble man, whose pictures of young manhood have given pleasure wherever the English language is spoken.

Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co., Bankers, 38 Nassau street, New York City, have kindly consented to act as agents for the Thomas Hughes Memorial Fund on this side of the Atlantic. All contributions should be sent directly to them, either by draft, check, or postal order.

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